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The SPECTATOR.

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Paſſing under *Ludgate* the other Day I heard a Voice bawling for Charity, which I thought I had ſomewhere heard before: Coming near to the Grate the Priſoner called by my Name, and deſired I would throw [illegible] into the Box: I was out of Countenance [illegible] and did as he bid me, by putting in half [illegible] I went away reflecting upon the ſtrange [illegible]on of ſome Men, and how meanly they [illegible] themſelves in all Sorts of Conditions. The [illegible] who begged of me is now, as I take it, [illegible] I was well acquainted with him till about [illegible]e of Twenty five; at which Time a good [illegible] fell to him, by the Death of a Relation. [illegible] coming to this unexpected good Fortune, he [illegible]o all the Extravagancies imaginable; was [illegible]dy in drunken Diſputes, broke Drawers [illegible], talked and ſwore loud; was unmannerly to [illegible] above him, and inſolent to thoſe below him. [illegible]ld not but remark that it was the ſame Baſeneſs [illegible]pirit which worked in his Behaviour in both [illegible]mes: The ſame little Mind was inſolent in [illegible]ches, and ſhameleſs in Poverty. This Accident [illegible] me muſe upon the Circumſtance of being in [illegible] in general, and ſolve in my Mind what Tem[illegible] were moſt apt to fall into this Errour of Life, [illegible]well as the Misfortune it muſt needs be to lan[illegible] under ſuch Preſſures. As for my ſelf, my [illegible]al Averſion to that Sort of Converſation [illegible]h makes a Figure with the Generality of Man[illegible], exempts me from any Temptations to Ex[illegible]; and all my Buſineſs lies within a very nar[illegible] Compaſs, which is, only to give an honeſt [illegible] who takes care of my Eſtate proper Vouchers [illegible] his quarterly Payment to me, and obſerve what [illegible]en my Laundreſs brings and takes away with [illegible] once a Week: My Steward brings his Receipt [illegible]dy for my ſigning, and I have a pretty Imple[illegible] with the reſpective Names of Shirts, Cravats, [illegible]dkerchiefs and Stockings, with proper Numbers [illegible] know how to reckon with my Laundreſs. This [illegible]ing almoſt all the Buſineſs I have in the World [illegible] the Care of my own Affairs, I am at full Leiſure to obſerve upon what others do, with Relation to their Equipage and Oeconomy.

When I walk the Street, and obſerve the Hurry about me in this Town,

Where with like Haſte, tho' different Ways, they run,
Some to undo, and ſome to be undone.

I ſay, when I behold this vaſt Variety of Perſons and Humours, with the Pains they both take for the Accompliſhment of the Ends mentioned in the above Verſes of *Denham*, I cannot much wonder at the Endeavour after Gain; but am extremely aſtoniſhed that Men can be ſo inſenſible of the Danger of running into Debt. One would think it impoſſible a Man who is given to contract Debts ſhould know, that his Creditor has from that Moment in which he tranſgreſſes Payment, ſo much as that Demand comes to in his Debtor's Honour Liberty and Fortune. One would think that he did not know that his Creditor can ſay the worſt thing imaginable of him, to wit, *That he is unjuſt*, without Defamation, and can ſeize his Perſon without being guilty of an Aſſault. Yet ſuch is the looſe and abandoned Turn of ſome Mens Minds, that they can live under theſe conſtant Apprehenſions, and ſtill go on to encreaſe the Cauſe of them. Can there be a more low and ſervile Condition, than to be aſhamed, or afraid, to ſee any one Man breathing? yet he that is much in debt, is in that Condition with relation to twenty different People. There are indeed Circumſtances wherein Men of honeſt Natures may become liable to Debts, by ſome unadviſed Behaviour in any great Point of their Life, or mortgaging a Man's Honeſty as a Security for that of another, and the like; but theſe Inſtances are ſo particular and circumſtantiated, that they cannot come within general Conſiderations: For one ſuch Caſe as one of theſe, there are ten, where a Man, to keep up a Farce of Retinue and Grandeur within his own Houſe, ſhall ſhrink at the Expectation of ſurly Demands at his

Doors.

Doors. The Debtor is the Creditor's Criminal, and all the Officers of Power and State whom we behold make so great a Figure, are no other than so many Persons in Authority to make good his Charge against him. Humane Society depends upon his having the Vengeance Law allots him; and the Debtor owes his Liberty to his Neighbour, as much as the Murderer does his Life to his Prince.

Our Gentry are, generally speaking, in debt; and many Families have put it into a kind of Method of being so from Generation to Generation. The Father mortgages when his Son is very young, and the Boy is to marry assoon as he is at Age, to redeem it, and find Portions for his Sisters. This, forsooth, is no great Inconvenience to him, for he may wench, keep a publick Table, or feed Dogs like a worthy *English* Gentleman, till he has outrun half his Estate, and leave the same Incumbrance upon his First-born, and so on, till one Man of more Vigour than ordinary goes quite thorough the Estate, or some Man of Sense comes into it, and scorns to have an Estate in Partnership, that is to say, liable to the Demand or Insult of any Man living. There is my Friend Sir ANDREW, tho' for many Years a great and general Trader, was never the Defendant in a Law Suit, in all the Perplexity of Business, and the Iniquity of Mankind at present: No one had any Colour for the least Complaint against his Dealings with him. This is certainly as uncommon, and in its Proportion as laudable in a Citizen, as it is in a General never to have suffered a Disadvantage in Fight. How different from this Gentleman is *Jack Truepenny*, who has been an old Acquaintance of Sir ANDREW and my self from Boys, but could never learn our Caution. *Jack* has a whorish unresisting good Nature, which makes him incapable of having a Property in any thing. His Fortune, his Reputation, his Time, and his Capacity, are at any Man's Service that comes first. When he was at School he was whipp'd thrice a Week for Faults he took upon him to excuse others; since he came to the Business of the World, he has been arrested twice or thrice a Year for Debts he had nothing to do with but as Surety for others; and I remember when a Friend of his had suffered in the Vice of the Town, all the Physick his Friend took was conveyed to him by *Jack*, and inscribed, 'A Bolus or an Electuary for Mr. *Truepenny*. *Jack* had a good Estate left him, which came to nothing; because he believed all who pretended to Demands upon it. This Easiness and Credulity destroy all the other Merit he has; and he has all his Life been a Sacrifice to others, without ever receiving Thanks or doing one good Action.

I will end this Discourse with a Speech which I heard *Jack* make to one of his Creditors (of whom he deserved gentler Usage) after lying a whole Night in Custody at his Suit.

SIR,

'YOUR Ingratitude for the many Kindnesses I 'have done you, shall not make me unthankful for the Good you have done me, in letting 'me see there is such a Man as you in the World. 'I am obliged to you for the Diffidence I shall 'have all the rest of my Life: *I shall hereafter trust 'no Man so far as to be in his Debt.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

At the particular Desire of several Ladies of Quality.

For the Benefit of the Widow of the late famous Tragedian Mr. Betterton.

By Her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Monday, being the 4th of June, will be performed a Comedy call'd, The Man of Mode; or, Sir Fopling Flutter. Written by Sir George Etheridge: Being the last Time of acting this Play this Season. The Part of Sir Fopling by Mr. Cibber, Dorimant Mr. Wilks, Medley Mr. Mills, Old Ballair Mr. Penkethman, Young Ballair Mr. Bullock, Jun. Shoe-maker Mr. Bowen, Loveit Mrs. Oldfield, Belinda Mrs. Rogers, Harriet Mrs. Bradshaw, Emilia Mrs. Porter.

This Play is sold by Jacob Tonson, at Shakespear's Head over against Catharine-street in the Strand.

A curious Collection of Italian Paintings (of Giulio Romano, Guido Reni, Albano, Alexander Veronese, Giacomo Bassan, Tintoret, Benedetto Castiglione, Michael Angelo delle Battaglie, Salvator Rosa, Luca Jordano, Bernaschi, Claude Lorain, Gaspar Poussin, Francesco Bolognese, and Viviano; also of Rubens, Baptist, Bourdon, Le Brun, Holbein, Berghem, Brouwer, Schalken, Teniers, and a very Capital Piece of Gerard Dou) lately brought from beyond Sea; will be sold by Auction on Thursday the 7th of June, at the 2 Flower-Pots in Somerset-house-yard; where Catalogues may be had, and the Pictures view'd till the Time of Sale.

The famous Water-Theatre of the late ingenious Mr. Winstanly is open'd, and will continue to be shewn for some time this Summer: There is the greatest Curiosities in Water-works, the like was never perform'd before by any. It is shewn for the Benefit of his Widow every Evening between 5 and 6 o'Clock. With several new Additions, as three new Stages, Sea Gods and Goddesses, Nymphs, Mermaids and Satires, all of them playing of Water. It is at the lower End of Pickadilly, and is known by the Wind-mill on the Top of it.

Lost last Friday in the Court of Exchequer, or thereabouts, a Pocket Vellum Case, in which was a small Bill or Note under the Hand of Mr. Samuel Young at the Griffin in Bedford-Street, Covent Garden, dated London, April 18th, 1711. Payment to Mr. William Poole, or Order, for 29 l. 7 s. 2 Months after Date; and several other Notes and Papers of no use but to the Owner, Payment being stopt. Whoever brings them to Mr. Daniel Brown, Bookseller, without Temple-Bar, shall have 10 s. Reward and no Questions ask'd.

A convenient House to be Lett at East-Acton in Middlesex, four Rooms on a Floor, wall'd in, with Coach-house, Stabling, Orchard, Garden, and all Conveniencies belonging to it, in very good Repair. Whosoever takes it may come into it as soon as they please. Inquire at Mr. Lamb's, or at the House, both in East-Acton aforesaid.

At Christmas next, an ancient large well-built Inn, with Stables, Coach-House, Malt-House, Kiln, Granary, good Garden, and all things commodious thereunto, in the Town of Brecknock in South-Wales, call'd the Old Bear, where Mr. Jones formerly liv'd, and since Mr. Walbeoffe, will be void and to be lett by Lease for 21 Years, or a longer or shorter Term, or sold. Inquire at Mr. Joseph Rolchdale at the Red Lyon in Kensington, or Mr. Andrew Thomson at the Angel and Crown in Bedford-Row, Covent-Garden, or at Mr. Walter Watkins Postmaster of Brecknock aforesaid.

This Day is Publish'd,

A short but full Account of the Rise, Nature and Management of the Small-Pox, and other putrid Fevers, with their proper Remedies. Sold by J. Morphew near Stationer's-Hall.

Just Publish'd,

The Reasons which induc'd Her Majesty to create the Right Honourable Robert Harley, Esq; a Peer of Great Britain; in which is inserted the Preamble to his Patent in Latin and English, the Latin written by the Reverend Dr. Freind. — With an Account at large of Mr. Thornhill's Tryal, indicted for the Murder of Sir Cholmley Deering, Bar. Price 2d. Both printed for E. Curll at the Dial and Bible, and R. Gosling at the Mitre in Fleet-street, and sold by J. Morphew near Stationer's-Hall.

Just Publish'd,

The Wisdom of Integrity: A Sermon preached at St. Saviour's, Southwark, for the Reverend Dr. Henry Bagwell, on Sunday May 6, 1711, by Pawlet St. John, A. M. Rector of Yeldon, and Chaplain to the Right Honourable Pawlet Earl of Bolingbroke. Printed for Jonah Bowyer at the Rose in Ludgate-street.

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